

Sturminster Rural District Council.



Sturminster Newton,
Dorset.

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To

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Dear Sir

In answer to your letter I write to inform you that the M.O.H.

for last year has recently died, & I have been appointed in his place -

I am enclosing a sorted copy of last year's report however - the only one I can

find amongst the late Dr. J. C. Leach's papers -

Hoping this will meet your requirements

Yours faithfully

Bernard S. Hollick



Sturminster Newton.

February 14th. 1907.

Gentlemen,

My Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health (the 1st.) will be necessarily a short one as I have none but satisfactory comments to make on its chief points which are excellent.

Area of District (exclusive of area covered with water), - 39151 acres.

Population (census 1901), - 3804.

ditto (estimated to middle of 1906), - 3640.

Births, - The births registered during the year numbered 176, of these 91 were males, and 85 females; the average number of births of the preceding ten years was 196.

Birth-rate, - This is 20.3 per 1000 persons living, as compared with the decennial average of 22.0; the same rate for Rural England and Wales being 26.3. The Registrar General in his remarks says "with trifling exceptions the fall in the birth-rate has been continuous since 1878".

Deaths, - The number of deaths registered from all causes was 101, of these 62 were males and 39 females; the decennial average being 136.

Death-rate, - This is, as far as this district is concerned, the lowest on record being only 11.6 per 1000 persons living, whilst the average for the preceding ten years was 15.1 and that for Rural England and Wales 16.0 for 1906.

Natural Increase of Population, - viz: the excess of births over

Dear Sir,

My annual report as Medical Officer of Health for 1906

is herewith submitted to you, and as I have much to say about the health of the city, I have written a few lines about the same.

The city of Detroit (exclusive of areas covered by other cities)

has a population of 293,000.

Population (1901, 1906).

Area (exclusive of areas covered by other cities) 136.5 sq. miles.

Births registered during the year numbered 14,000.

Deaths registered during the year numbered 5,000; the average number of deaths per 1,000 persons living was 17.5.

The following table shows the results of the registration of births and deaths.

Births, - This is 10.4 per 1,000 persons living, as compared with the decennial average of 10.0; the same rate for 1905 was 10.0.

Deaths, - The registration of deaths in the city for 1906 was 17.5 per 1,000 persons living, as compared with the decennial average of 17.5; the same rate for 1905 was 17.5.

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deaths was *therefore* 75.

Average Age at Death,- This was 55.4 years, not quite so high as last year when it was 58 years, but still well above the decennial average of about 50 years.

Zymotic death-rate,- This is nil as not a single death was registered as dying from any of the seven zymotic diseases.

Infant Mortality,- The proportion of deaths under one year of age to births registered was 67.0 which is low when compared to the decennial average of 94.3. The same rate for rural England and Wales for 1906 was 115.

Prevalence of Infectious Disease, Notification,- During this year as last only 10 cases were notified viz: 2 from Diphtheria both occurring at one farm in the parish of Marnhull, 4 from Scarlet Fever, being isolated cases at Marnhull, Stalbridge, Child Okeford, and Hanford, 3 from Erysipelas, and 1 from Typhoid Fever from Sturminster occurring at Sturminster Common and without doubt due to drinking bad water.

Phthisis,- 6 cases were so registered, 2 being between the ages of 15 and 25, the other 4 being of the ages of 33, 39, 42, and 49. 4 of the 6 cases occurred at Stalbridge, 1 at Stourton Caundle and one at Haselbury Bryan.

Water Supply,- No works to this end have taken place of any importance within the district. With regard to that for the supply of Sturminster Newton it seems now to be within sight as the last formality viz: the sanction of the High Court of Chancery has just been obtained, the delay in obtaining this will I fear be an expensive one ^{on} as had this be obtained six months ago all materials would have been much lower, work would have been provided *provided during* the winter months, xx

at birth, - This was 55.4 years, not quite as high as
last year when it was 56 years, but still well above the occasional
average of about 50 years.

Typical death-rate, - This is all as not a single death was regis-
tered as being from any of the seven typical diseases.

Infant mortality, - The proportion of deaths under one year of
age to those registered was 47.0 which is low when compared to the
national average of 51.5. The same rate for rural England and Wales
for 1906 was 51.5.

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases, Notification, - During this
year no less than 10 cases were notified: viz: 2 cases of Typhoid fever,
occurred at one time in the parish of Wymondley, 4 cases of Scarlatina fever,
being isolated cases at Wymondley, 1 at Wymondley, 1 at Wymondley, and 1 at
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Philips, - 6 cases were registered, 4 being between the
ages of 14 and 25, the other 2 being of the ages of 25, 30, 40, and
50. 4 of the 6 cases occurred at Wymondley, 1 at Wymondley, and 1 at Wymondley.
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Water supply, - No works in this and have taken place of any im-
portance within the district. With regard to that for the supply of
Wymondley water it seems now to be about right as the last time
it was the sanction of the High Court of Wymondley has just been
obtained, the delay in obtaining this will I fear be an expensive one
as has been obtained six months ago and will be a considerable loss to the
district. The water supply is now being improved.

the low costs would have been less, and this summer would have seen a plentiful *Supply* in the town of Sturminster Newton.

Isolation Hospital,- There is none within this district, one of the cases of Scarlet Fever was sent to the Blandford Isolation Hospital, and I have come to the conclusion that in this district there is no special need of such an institution.

Housing of the Working Classes,- No cases of insanitary dwellings were reported and the cottage accomodation remains fairly satisfactory.

Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops &c.,- During the Autumn I made a systematic inspection of between 30 and 40 Dairies and Cowsheds, I find there has been no Register kept and consequently there has been no registration. The Dairies as a rule were excellently kept, very clean and in most cases well ventilated, only in one case did I find a drain connected with the outside and that has since been disconnected. As regards the Cowsheds in nearly every case they required whitewashing and this was promised to be done in all cases except where the nature of their construction did not admit of it. I found four cowsheds quite unfit for the housing of cows, one of these has already been rebuilt, and I believe the owners of the other three are to be given notice to rebuild. In many cases the cows remain out in the fields all the year round except when calving or ill. I should advise a register to be kept, that all be registered, and a system of inspection adopted.

Slaughter-Houses, Bakehouses, Common Lodging Houses,- The slaughter houses are satisfactory, several bake-houses have been inspected and improvements suggested. There are no Common lodging-houses in the district.

I think you will agree with me that this report bears out the

favourable statement I made at the commencement, and I beg to congratulate your Council thereupon.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Yours obediently.

J. Cougus Leach. M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

